

Ursuline Convent  
Avenue N and 25th Street  
Galveston  
Galveston County  
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STATE TEXAS	COUNTY GALVESTON	TOWN OR VICINITY GALVESTON
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) URSULINE CONVENT		HABS NO. TX-3227
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Avenue N and 25th Street.		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1858-Long rectangular nunnery. 1860-Square addition on east end.	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The convent was established by seven Ursuline nuns from New Orleans. Arriving in Galveston in 1847, the convent was established for religious and academic training for girls. During the Civil War the nuns operated these buildings as a hospital.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick load-bearing walls stuccoed and painted white.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Approximately 140' x 90' in overall dimensions; the convent stands three-and-a-half stories in height.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The simple gabled roof is pierced with modified Palladian dormers. The rectangular shuttered windows are surmounted by segmental masonry arches.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Unknown		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES In 1860 the square portion was added at the east as a dormitory and classroom building.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Unknown		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Goeldner, Paul Texas Catalog: Historic American Buildings Survey, San Antonio: Trinity University Press, 1974.		
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